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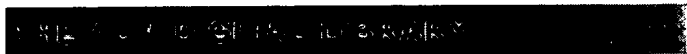
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1 [Human and Social Factors of Software Engineering \(HSSE\): A qualitative empirical evaluation of design decisions](#)

Carmen Zannier, Frank Maurer

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Volume 30 Issue 4

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In this paper, we motivate examining software design decision making and provide the process by which the examination will occur. The objective is to provide qualitative results indicative of rational or naturalistic software design decision making. In a rational decision a decision maker evaluates decision alternatives and potential outcomes for each alternative using a utility function and probabilities of the outcome of each alternative. The utility function assigns a value to each possible a ...

Keywords: empirical, interviews, naturalistic decision, observations, qualitative, rational decision

2 [A field study of the software design process for large systems](#)

Bill Curtis, Herb Krasner, Neil Iscoe

November 1988 **Communications of the ACM**, Volume 31 Issue 11**Publisher:** ACM PressFull text available: pdf(2.50 MB) Additional Information: [full citation](#), [abstract](#), [references](#), [citations](#), [index terms](#), [review](#)

The problems of designing large software systems were studied through interviewing personnel from 17 large projects. A layered behavioral model is used to analyze how three of these problems—the thin spread of application domain knowledge, fluctuating and conflicting requirements, and communication bottlenecks and breakdowns—affected software productivity and quality through their impact on cognitive, social, and organizational processes.

3 [Software design: Documenting design decision rationale to improve individual and team design decision making: an experimental evaluation](#)

Davide Falessi, Giovanni Cantone, Martin Becker

September 2006 **Proceedings of the 2006 ACM/IEEE international symposium on International symposium on empirical software engineering ISESE '06****Publisher:** ACM PressFull text available: pdf(289.16 KB) Additional Information: [full citation](#), [abstract](#), [references](#), [index terms](#)

Individual and team decision-making have crucial influence on the level of success of every software project. Even though several studies were already conducted, which concerned design decision rationale documentation approaches, a few of them focused on performances and evaluated them in laboratory. This paper proposes a technique to document design decision rationale, and evaluates experimentally the impact such a technique has on effectiveness and efficiency of individual/team decision-making ...

Keywords: design decision rationale, experimental evaluation, individual and team decision-making

4 Inside a software design team: knowledge acquisition, sharing, and integration



Diane B. Walz, Joyce J. Elam, Bill Curtis

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Keywords: case study, empirical studies of software development, requirements determination, software design teams, software management

5 Economics-Driven Software Engineering Research (EDSER): A value-oriented theory of modularity in design



Yuanfang Cai, Kevin J. Sullivan

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We were motivated to undertake the research we describe here by a conversation with two practicing software engineers, who described a dilemma they faced at work. They worked for small company that earned revenues by delivering to a large customer a stream of enhancements to a software tool. The engineers' jobs were to estimate the time to make enhancements and to implement selected enhancements. They were good at estimating, but dissatisfied with the system design, believing that it significant ...

6 Architecture and refactoring: Drivers for software refactoring decisions



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This paper presents an empirical study of drivers for software refactoring decisions. We studied the refactoring decisions made by 37 students evaluating ten methods of a purposefully constructed Java program. The decision rationales reported by the evaluators were coded to identify the drivers behind the decisions. The identified drivers were categorized into Structure, Documentation, Visual Representation, and General drivers. The evaluators had conflicting opinions both regarding the internal ...

Keywords: code smells, evolvability, maintainability, qualitative analysis, refactoring

7 Posters: Identification of question types and answer types for an explanation component in software release planning



Gengshen Du, Guenther Ruhe

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Acceptance of decision support offered by software systems is largely determined by the degree of acceptance and understanding of system results from the users. The generation of explanations helps the user of the software systems to better understand and utilize system outputs. Explanations can be generated and conveyed through dialogues. One way to achieve dialogues is to use question types and answer types. This paper presents an overview of the identification of question types and answer typ ...

Keywords: dialogue, explanation, question answering, release planning

8 A generic model for reflective design



Panagiotis Louridas, Pericles Loucopoulos

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Rapid technological change has had an impact on the nature of software. This has led to new exigencies and to demands for software engineering paradigms that pay particular attention to meeting them. We advocate that such demands can be met, at least in large parts, through the adoption of software engineering processes that are founded on a reflective stance. To this end, we turn our attention to the field of Design Rationale. We analyze and characterize Design Rationale approaches and s ...

Keywords: design aids, design rationale, development, participative, reflective

9 Data base directions: the next steps



John L. Berg

November 1976 **ACM SIGMOD Record , ACM SIGMIS Database**, Volume 8 , 8 Issue 4 , 2

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What information about data base technology does a manager need to make prudent decisions about using this new technology? To provide this information the National Bureau of Standards and the Association for Computing Machinery established a workshop of approximately 80 experts in five major subject areas. The five subject areas were auditing, evolving technology, government regulations, standards, and user experience. Each area prepared a report contained in these proceedings. The proceedings p ...

Keywords: DBMS, auditing, cost/benefit analysis, data base, data base management, government regulation, management objectives, privacy, security, standards, technology assessment, user experience

10 SHAring and Reusing architectural Knowledge (SHARK '2006) paper abstracts:

Design decision rationale: experiences and steps ahead towards systematic use

Davide Falessi, Martin Becker, Giovanni Cantone

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Design decisions crucially influence the success of every software project. While the resulting design is typically documented quite well, the situation is usually different for

the underlying rationale and decision-making process. Despite being recognized as a helpful approach in general, the explicit documentation of Design Decision Rationale (DDR) is not yet largely utilized due to some inhibitors (e.g., additional documentation effort). Experience with other qualities, e.g. software reusabil ...

Keywords: ambient intelligence, design decision rationale, software analysis and design, value-based software engineering

11 Expert systems: true support for the process of decision making



Edgar A. Whitley

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12 Software economics: a roadmap



Barry W. Boehm, Kevin J. Sullivan

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13 Product-line reuse for Ada systems



James R. Hamilton, Harold G. Hawley, Clinton J. Lalum

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14 User interfaces for privacy agents



Lorrie Faith Cranor, Praveen Guduru, Manjula Arjula

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Most people do not often read privacy policies because they tend to be long and difficult to understand. The Platform for Privacy Preferences (P3P) addresses this problem by providing a standard machine-readable format for website privacy policies. P3P user agents can fetch P3P privacy policies automatically, compare them with a user's privacy preferences, and alert and advise the user. Developing user interfaces for P3P user agents is challenging for several reasons: privacy policies are comple ...

Keywords: P3P, preferences, privacy, privacy enhancing technology, privacy policy, user agent

15 Special issue: AI in engineering

D. Sriram, R. Joobbani

April 1985 **ACM SIGART Bulletin**, Issue 92**Publisher:** ACM PressFull text available: [pdf\(8.79 MB\)](#) Additional Information: [full citation](#), [abstract](#)

The papers in this special issue were compiled from responses to the announcement in the July 1984 issue of the SIGART newsletter and notices posted over the ARPAnet. The interest being shown in this area is reflected in the sixty papers received from over six countries. About half the papers were received over the computer network.

16 Fast detection of communication patterns in distributed executions

Thomas Kunz, Michiel F. H. Seuren

November 1997 **Proceedings of the 1997 conference of the Centre for Advanced Studies on Collaborative research CASCON '97****Publisher:** IBM PressFull text available: [pdf\(4.21 MB\)](#) Additional Information: [full citation](#), [abstract](#), [references](#), [index terms](#)

Understanding distributed applications is a tedious and difficult task. Visualizations based on process-time diagrams are often used to obtain a better understanding of the execution of the application. The visualization tool we use is Poet, an event tracer, developed at the University of Waterloo. However, these diagrams are often very complex and do not provide the user with the desired overview of the application. In our experience, such tools display repeated occurrences of non-trivial commun ...

17 Decision making: a missing facet of effective documentation

Michael J. Albers

October 1996 **Proceedings of the 14th annual international conference on Systems documentation: Marshaling new technological forces: building a corporate, academic, and user-oriented triangle SIGDOC '96****Publisher:** ACM PressFull text available: [pdf\(1.05 MB\)](#) Additional Information: [full citation](#), [references](#), [citations](#), [index terms](#)**18** Teaching patterns and software design

Ian Warren

January 2005 **Proceedings of the 7th Australasian conference on Computing education - Volume 42 ACE '05****Publisher:** Australian Computer Society, Inc.Full text available: [pdf\(242.74 KB\)](#) Additional Information: [full citation](#), [abstract](#), [references](#), [index terms](#)

In this paper we describe our experiences with reengineering an undergraduate course in software design. The course's learning outcomes require that students can model, design and implement software. These are inherently practical skills and rely on *functioning* knowledge. To facilitate a learning environment in which students can acquire the necessary deep level of understanding, we have designed the course by applying the educational theory of *constructive alignment* and a number o ...

Keywords: JUnit, UML, active and peer learning, constructive alignment, design patterns, formative and holistic assessment

19 Modeling software design diversity: a review

Bev Littlewood, Peter Popov, Lorenzo Strigini

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Design diversity has been used for many years now as a means of achieving a degree of fault tolerance in software-based systems. While there is clear evidence that the approach can be expected to deliver some increase in reliability compared to a single version, there

is no agreement about the extent of this. More importantly, it remains difficult to evaluate exactly how reliable a particular diverse fault-tolerant system is. This difficulty arises because assumptions of independence of fai ...

Keywords: *N*-version software, control systems, functional diversity, multiple version programming, protection systems, safety, software fault tolerance

20 The effect of decision style on the use of a project management tool: an empirical laboratory study



Terry L. Fox, J. Wayne Spence

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Managing a software development project presents many difficulties. Most software development projects are considered less than successful, and many are simply cancelled. Ineffective project management has been cited as a major factor contributing to these failures. Project management tools can greatly assist managers in tracking and controlling their projects. However, their structured and analytical nature does not necessarily match the decision-making styles of project managers. This paper pre ...

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